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Again we are to have two holidays for recreation, with no day between for rest.

Democrats may be right in saying that the majority for Roosevelt in Utah will not be 10,000. It may be more.

Are peddlers going to be mean enough to retaliate by insisting that all grocers must give full measure and weight?

Republicans will be pleased to hear that their new National platform does not receive the approval of Grover Cleveland.

Although the real estate men's celebration was two days off, you probably noticed yesterday that things were already warming up.

Now that grocers are going to make it impossible for peddlers to cheat, will housekeepers decide to buy from peddlers, exclusively?

Have our Councilmen noticed that those who have been through the World's Fair may think visitors should really stay there a long time?

But will the pride of our Councilmen receive a blow at St. Louis next week, if people insist on considering them no better than Democratic delegates?

Mayor Morris will have charge of the distribution at Saltair tomorrow, and show how erroneous is the notion that he does not give away things freely.

It must greatly annoy Provo's advertising preacher to find that people of that city would rather spend Sunday evening pleasantly than go to hear him.

Roosevelt and Fairbanks may not be names to please the campaign poets, but they will be very popular with the general public when it takes up its pen in the election booth.

The Cuban Government appears to be making rapid strides forward in financial ability. Its April balance sheet for this year, compared with April of last year shows a gain of customs receipts from \$1,196,249.42 to \$1,699,024.85; and a total of receipts that jumped for the month from \$1,372,065.94 to \$2,180,444.43. The disbursements of the same month increased from \$1,311,470.72 to \$1,751,556.52, and the amount in the treasury gained from \$2,699,071.55 to \$5,090,901.85. That, with the negotiation of the \$35,000,000 loan and the prospective new loan of \$25,000,000, ought to put the Cuban Government on "easy street."

The Nicaraguan Government has borrowed a million dollars from Mr. Weinberger of New Orleans, to begin work on the Monkey Point & San Miguelito railroad. The Government issues bonds which Mr. Weinberger takes at 75 cents on the dollar. The loan is for twenty-five years, payable in sums of \$200,000 each five years, and bears 6 per cent interest. It seems pretty hard terms to enforce against a Government, but a fine investment for the lender. It gives him the equivalent of 8 per cent on his money, with a premium of \$200,000. The Government must be in a hard stress to borrow money on such terms.

A woman is under sentence to be hanged in New Jersey, because she shot the woman who took away from her the man she had been living with, and to whom she had borne four children. The people don't want her to be hanged, and they are trying to find means to save her. They might take a leaf out of Utah's record, get up a fictitious defense for her that is not carried in the record, not upheld by any evidence, and which would blacken the character of the murdered woman without the slightest cause, and on that sort of a trumped-up and absolutely false presentation get a commutation of sentence.

Prince Hesperie Oukahomsky has taken the trouble to write for the American public through a recent New York Independent, a long explanation of how Russia is going to crush Japan; and to forecast what then will happen, how the Russians will have on the ground six hundred thousand soldiers who will refuse to return home empty handed, how the Japanese Government will be destroyed, and how, when the Japanese

soldiers are driven out of Manchuria, the Japanese nation will turn on their rulers and blame them for venturing to fight on the land. All that, "if." It is surprising, however, that Prince Oukahomsky should concede the possibility of there being any such thing as a Japanese nation left, after all those things happen which he so glibly foretells. It is noteworthy that this Russian prince has never been nearer than five thousand miles to the scene of the present war.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

It was suggested in some of the dispatches yesterday, that a big battle might then be raging between the Russian and the Japanese forces, with Gen. Kuropatkin personally in command of the former. It was assumed that the Japanese were in two separate armies, one (that advancing from Feng Wang Cheng) in command of Gen. Kuraki, and the other (that from the Liao Tung peninsula and Taku Shan) in command of Gen. Oku. And Gen. Kuropatkin was assumed to be attacking the Russians at Hai Cheng.

If this is in fact the situation, the Japanese have their enemy at a decided disadvantage, provided always that each of their armies is strong enough to resist a possible consolidation of the Russian forces for a concentrated attack. But some of the dispatches indicated that some occurrences had perhaps interfered, and that the general engagement would probably be deferred a few days.

Whatever may be done, however, it is evident that the Japanese strategy has been the superior; for it is a plain case that the further south the Russians can be induced to go to engage in the decisive battle, the more favorable it will be for their enemies. On the other hand, the further north this battle could be fought, the more favorable would it be for the Russians.

If, therefore, the Russians are below Hai Chang, as they appear from the dispatches to be, they have been outmaneuvered. If this has happened because of influence from St. Petersburg pressing for the relief of Port Arthur, as is most likely, or if it was a step made necessary to save the army which had been defeated at Vafangow, is no matter. Whatever the cause of their being down there, if they are there, it is about as bad a position for the Russians as they could reach, and they will either have to find the enemy weaker than expected or do some desperate fighting, if they are to save themselves.

Whatever there may be in the multitude of rumors, the positions of the main armies of the opposing powers seems to be about as above stated, and so it is not likely that a big battle can be postponed many days. Possibly it may be a decisive battle and open the way to a settlement of the war and all of the questions that are involved in it.

FRANCE'S OPPORTUNITY.

The release of Perdicaris and Varley has been accomplished, and Perdicaris thanks the American Government for it; no doubt Varley thanks the British Government for his release; and the French Government thinks that it alone should be thanked for the release of both men.

It was an excellent occasion for the French to get active, and take advantage of their recent liberty of the free hand in Morocco, granted by Great Britain in the series of treaties between those two powers; but France did not seem able to get a starting-point to make her influence felt. She will no doubt have such opportunity, however, for Raisuli announces his programme to be the capture of Europeans, from time to time, to call attention to the weakness of Sultan Aziz's Government, and to draw attention to himself as the one powerful man in north Morocco who can keep the peace or break it as he likes, and who should be entrusted with the administration of the provinces that lie within his "sphere of influence."

It is up to France to respond; his announced programme gives the French Government the opportunity to assert its protectorate and establish its supremacy; while the grumble of the French press at the action of the United States in sending a fleet to the port of Tangiers is distinctly out of order.

It turns out as we feared with regard to the outrage upon the French and German Ministers at Port au Prince. Neither France nor Germany is satisfied with an apology, but both will demand redress; and right there is where your Uncle Samuel may have to play an unwilling hand, if the redress demanded takes a form that Haiti cannot conform to, or if it involves a trespass upon the Monroe doctrine. The sooner the United States, by treaty, protectorate, and otherwise puts that doctrine in a definite and tangible form that will mean something internationally and will assure European governments that there is something back of the unsubstantial governments in the weak and turbulent so-called republics of this hemisphere, the better it will be for our own peace of mind and the settled repose of the world.

In Germany they take a different method of filling the Rhodes scholarships at Oxford. The liveliest lad from Germany who is now enjoying one of those scholarships was asked if he had passed any examination to get his scholarship. "No," said he; "on Thursday I received a telegram from the Kaiser, 'You go to Oxford on Tuesday,' and I came." By this sort of personal selection, "favorite sons" get there easily; but they have to be able to main-

tain their standing when they go. And there is never any question of sending too many. In this country, on the other hand, we examine the applicants for these positions, and thus ensure that they will "stick." But on the other hand, we launch too many. Already more than double the number that can be provided for under the Rhodes bequest have passed the examinations from this country, and a weeding out process must be put into effect, which will give preference to those best prepared. And this will cause infinite heart-burning.

ECHO OF A GREAT DISASTER.

Even at this late day, the finding of another body, a victim of the General Slocum disaster, is reported. This lends plausibility to the theory that many of the victims will never be found, and that the real number of those who lost their lives on that dreadful day will never be known.

The loss of life will probably approximate a thousand; but even that awful fact is not so discouraging as the thought that a like disaster is liable to be reported again any day. It was shown that there was gross carelessness in the preparation of the vessel for her service, that many of the life-preservers were rotten; there were no special preparation to fight fire, nor is there on any of the excursion steamers; the superstructure is always combustible; there was not on the Slocum nor is there on any of these boats, any provision for fire screens or anything to retard the progress and sweep of the flames; such pumps and hose as were perfunctorily provided, failed to work, and there was no evidence that they had been tested recently to see whether they were in order or not.

Further, the case is fairly summed up by the New York Evening Post, in the statement that "The General Slocum, bearing the Inspector's certificate of full equipment, had no effective means of saving her own hull from fire, or the life of a single passenger from drowning"; or, as it proved, from burning to death. Other passenger steamers may be in the same condition of helplessness. And yet, regardless of the awful lesson, the excursions go on merrily, with no abatement in throngs, and with no greater assurance of safety than in the Slocum case.

It is a truism that the American people are the most careless, reckless people on earth, the most indifferent about their own safety, and the most absolutely trustful that all who should look after and protect them are doing their full duty, of any people under the blazing heavens.

A COMPLICATED GAME.

The failure of the Sultan to pursue his massacres in Macedonia has been the surprise of the season. It was assumed, with Russia so engaged at war in the far East, that those massacres would continue as a matter of course; and that no attention would be paid to the scheme of "reform" which Russia and Austria undertook to put into effect in that distracted region of the Balkans. But though there is nothing particular heard about the reform, there has been a stoppage of the murders and rapine. How to account for it?

The continental press was puzzled, and now a Belgian paper suggests that it is because Russia and Great Britain have come to an agreement, and Great Britain would compel the Sultan to desist if he began his outrages again. This agreement of Russia and Great Britain however, seems hardly sufficient to account for the peaceful fact alluded to; and anyway it is not effectual to let the Russian Black Sea fleet out. In fact, Great Britain as a coadjutor of Russia just now would be an awkward thing to account for in view of the treaty offensive and defensive which the British ministry concluded in 1902 with Japan. This international game is becoming vastly complicated, and it is often hard to determine whose move it is.

A writer in "the World's Work," Mr. Lewis Nixon, who brings forward the gas engine as the coming power and says that more steam is produced by crude oil than by coal fuel, illustrates his position in the striking way: "When the Oregon made her famous run from San Francisco to Cuba, she had to stop and coal at Valparaiso. And yet so great a revolution has come about in methods of producing power that a 10,000-ton cruiser of twenty-one knots an hour could today proceed around the world at fourteen knots without taking on fuel and without sacrificing her war efficiency. New kinds of engines have come into vogue which suggest facts larger even than this. I have been led, lately, to think that the development of the steam-engine, almost to the exclusion of the gas-engine, has been a mistake, and that we are now at the beginning of a new era in the use of power."

Pope Plus X's proposed codification of canon law is spoken of by The Monitor (San Francisco) as "the most important and gigantic task which any Pontiff could undertake." This paper says further: "No similar work can be compared in magnitude to this, unless it be the codification of civil laws at the instance of the French dictator and known for a hundred years as the Code Napoleon. Even the latter, however, involved fewer difficulties and less onerous ones than confront the commission entrusted with the present enterprise." "The Pope's magnificent idea," we are told, "may be summed up in the phrase, 'Catholic legislation for the Catholic Church.' And it is safe to say that after the whole is compiled, it will be confusion worse confounded."

PUTTING THE EMPRESS AT EASE.

From the New York World.
The visit with which the American delegates to the Women's congress honored the German Empress on Friday will always remain a bright spot in that estimable lady's memory. All the visitors seem to have done their best to make the Empress feel at her ease. To be sure, when Miss Anthony tactfully remarked, "I hope your husband, the Emperor, will vie with the United States in endeavoring to place German women on an equality with ours," the imperial hostess might have been oppressed by a sense of her inferiority. But all that must have disappeared when she heard that Mrs. Ida Husted Harper had said that she looked "like a polished American lady dressed for a party."

It would have been much for the Empress to feel that she looked like an American lady of any kind, but to resemble a polished American lady, and one dressed for a party at that, must have been beyond her wildest dreams. The Kaiser is said to have thought a good deal of his wife all along, but even he has probably not realized until now what a treasure he has had.

PERSONAL MENTION.

John Christian Watson, Prime Minister of the Australian commonwealth, only a few years ago was setting type in a Sydney newspaper office. In 1901 he was elected to Parliament and soon became the man of the hour because of the strength he showed in debate. It was largely through his efforts that the previous ministry was overthrown.

Congressman John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, the Democratic House leader, sent to each editor of a paper in his district a check for five in payment for the publication of the official announcement of his candidacy. A good many of the editors in the Eighth district have returned the checks and a more eloquent tribute could hardly be paid, it is asserted, as the average Mississippi editor is not in the habit of returning bills. Mr. Williams has no opponent and he can represent the district as long as he desires.

When Signor Mascagni was in London recently a street organist came under his window one day and played the famous intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana." He turned faster and faster until the beautiful air became like a dance waltz. At last Mascagni could stand it no longer. Rushing out, he gave the organ grinder a shilling, and playing the intermezzo in proper time, went on his way. A few days later he was not so much pleased on looking out of his window to see this placard on the organ: "Pupil of Signor Mascagni."

SPICE.

Patent-Doctor, I'll give you a thousand if you'll get me well without medicine. Doctor-No! I would lose more money in the long run, because this would establish a precedent.—Life.

Toss—I suppose he surprised you when he kissed your hand.
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"What did you think of Philadelphia?"
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Farmer Jason—Did ye hear as how Josh Medders is suit' his wife for divorce?
Farmer Huckleby—Gosh, no! What grounds has he got?
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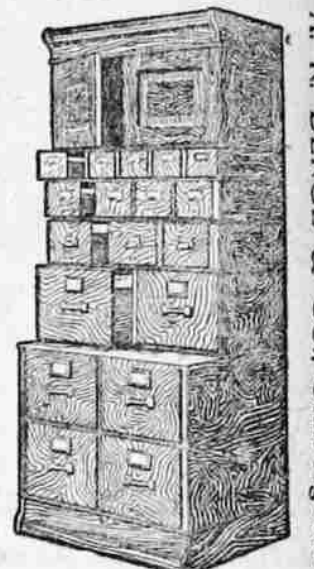
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